

EPA National Environmental Justice Community Engagement Call

July 19th, 2022

Expanding the
Conversation



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Agenda

Welcome

Mindfulness Moment

EPA Leadership Updates

Housing and Urban development Department:

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes and Funding Availability

Upcoming Engagement Opportunities

Closing Remarks

Office of Lead Hazard Control and Healthy Homes and Funding Availability

EPA EJ Partners
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Our Office

- Our mission =
to help all Americans, especially children and other vulnerable populations in low-income households, reach their full potential by supporting the identification and mitigation of hazards to provide homes that are safe and healthy.



- We are the nationwide leader in
 - Promoting health and safety in residential housing
 - Building innovative and creative partnerships
 - Assisting and funding successful lead and healthy homes grant programs
 - Supporting scientific research
 - Providing T.A. compliance and enforcement

HUD's Efforts to Mitigate the Impacts of Unhealthy Housing

OLHCHH grant programs achieve our mission by:

- Preventing injuries and diseases,
- Lowering healthcare costs, and
- Reducing work and school absenteeism.

Benefits to state and local communities:

- ***Preserving affordable housing***
- ***Catalyst for building local infrastructure and staff/contractor capacity and job creation***

HUD's Efforts to Mitigate the Impacts of Unhealthy Housing

- HUD's programs have contributed substantially to reducing elevated blood lead level (EBLL) cases among children under age 6 (those most affected by lead)
- Difference in EBLL prevalence in children under 6 between Non-Hispanic Blacks and Non-Hispanic Whites was reduced by a factor of 2, representing a significant reduction in racial disparity.
- This work has proven cost benefits - each dollar invested in lead paint hazard control has been shown to result in a return of at least \$17, for a net savings of \$187 billion since the program began in 1993.

HUD's Commitment to Improving Communities

- We work with local health and housing departments, community-based organizations, philanthropies, and many other groups across the country to fix health and safety hazards in low-income housing, protecting over 400,000 at-risk young children
- Our scope has expanded to cover housing-related health and safety hazards in a coordinated, holistic manner rather than addressing single hazards by themselves.
- We have expanded our efforts to build public-private partnerships to bring more investments to fix older housing and preserve affordable housing in communities.

Healthy Housing: Before and After



What do these funds pay for?

Lead Funds

Paint, Remove/Replace Doors, Windows, Threshold, Stairs Railings

Lead Soil Remediation

Paint, Remove/Replace Exterior Siding and Gutters, Trim and Walls

Paint, Remove/Replace Soffit, Trim, Fascia

Minimal Rehab to protect lead paint from further deterioration

Paint, Remove/Replace Lead Painted Porch Components

Healthy Home Funds

Radon Testing and remediation, HVAC repair/replacement

Fire Safety Equipment Carbon Monoxide Testing and Monitor Placement

Railings, lighting, ramps, stairs

Moisture/Mold Remediation: flooring, plumbing, ventilation, substrate, roof and wall repair

Rodent, bed bug, cockroach treatments, decluttering supplies, food storage supplies

Asthma interventions, mattress covers, HEPA Vacuums, temperature control correction

Electrical Safety, GFCI and wiring upgrades

Partner Funds

Roof Replacement

Demo of exterior structures

Correction of Code Violations

Appliance Updating

Weatherization Activities; caulking, insulation, efficiency upgrades

Foundation Repair

2022 OLHCHH Grant Funding Available

Lead Hazard Reduction

- **Approx. \$520 M available**
- **Released Friday June 17th, 2022**
- **Application due date: August 8th, 2022**

Healthy Homes

- **HH Supplement**
 - **~ \$ 30 M available**
- HH Production approx. \$ 40 M
- HH/Weatherization = \$ 5 M

Older Adult Home Mod

- \$ 15 M available

Tech Studies

- Lead T.S. = \$ 2 M
- HH T. S. = \$ 5 M
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Radon

- \$ 4 M available

2022 Lead Funding Available

Lead Hazard Reduction

- Approximately **\$520 M** available
- Applications Due – **August 8th**
- Competitive Funding

Healthy Homes

- Healthy Homes Supplemental Funding =
- Approximately \$ 30 M available

Categories for Lead Hazard Reduction Funding

Lead Hazard Control

- ~\$380 M available
- Units of State, City, County and Tribal Government
- POP = 48 months
- Match Requirement = 10%
- Any communities with target housing with LBP hazards
- Max Award =
 - Other = \$ 5 M
 - New = \$ 4 M

Highest Abatement Need Jurisdictions

- ~ \$138 M available
- Units of State, City, County and Tribal Government
- POP = 48 months
- Match Requirement = 10%
- Urban jurisdictions with at least 3,500 occupied pre-1940 rental units in the target area
- Max Award = \$ 8 M

High Impact Neighborhoods

- ~ \$ 22 M available (FY19/20)
- Will be utilized to fulfill either LHC and/or Highest Abatement Need Jurisdictions categories that are over-subscribed

Categories for Lead Hazard Reduction Funding

Housing Unit Eligibility

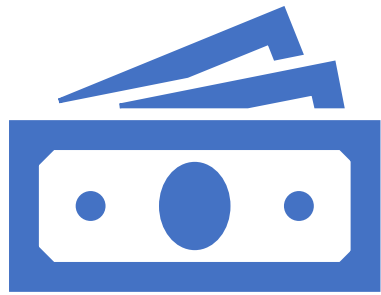
- **Privately Owned Owner or Rental Housing Units**
- **Pre-1978; pre-1940 for Higher Abatement Need Jurisdictions**
- **Lead Based Paint Hazards**
- **0-BR units with child < 6 years old residing**
- **Vacant Units** can be addressed
 - HOWEVER...they must be made available to low-income families with children < 6

Individual or Family Eligibility

- ***Low-Income Families with Children under 6***
- **Rental Units occupied by families w/**
 - 50% \leq 50% AMI
 - 50% \leq 80% AMI
- **Owner Occupied Units**
 - ALL units \leq 80% AMI
 - At least 90% must be occupied by families with a child < 6
- **Multifamily properties (≥ 5 units): \leq 20% may have families \geq 80% AMI**

Other Unit Criteria

- **Unit Prioritizations**
 - Units with child < age 6 with EBLL
 - Occupied Units with children < age 6
 - Eligible Housing Choice Voucher [TBRA] units



Healthy Homes Supplement Funds

- Use to Identify and address housing related health hazards
 - Including but not limited to: mold/moisture, pests, CO, radon, injury and safety hazards, etc.
- 8 Principles of a Healthy Home
- To use HHSupp funds in a eligible unit = MUST be lead-based hazards that are being controlled

The Eight Principles of a Healthy Home

- Keep it Dry



- Keep it Pest-Free



- Keep it Clean



- Keep it Contaminate-Free



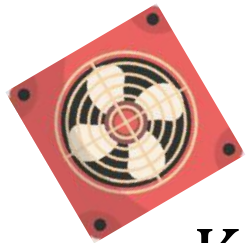
- Keep it Safe



- Keep it Well-Maintained



- Keep it Well Ventilated



- Keep it Thermally-Controlled



2022 Lead NOFO Rating Factors

Rating Factor 1

- Capacity of Applicant and Relevant Experience
- 40 points
- Partnerships and other programs
- Program Manager = at least 75% FTE

Rating Factor 2

- Justification and Description of Need
- 30 points
- Housing data
 - Pre-1940
 - Pre-1978
- Blood lead data
- Population/children under 6 data
- Rental and owner occupied
- Justice40 emphasis

Rating Factor 3

- Budget and Fiscal Accountability
- 30 points
- 424 CBW
- 424 CBW worksheet
- Budget narrative
- $\geq 10\%$ match

Bonus

- 2 points

2022 Lead NOFO Application Info

- www.Grants.Gov
- 15-page limit (12 pt Times New Roman, double spaced, 8 ½ x 11)
- Competitive application/review process
- Only one application accepted (last one submitted)
- Cost reimbursable grant program



Cost/Funding breakdown

- 65% direct lead hazard control
- 10% match requirement
- 10% administrative cost limit



2022 Lead NOFO Application Info –Allowable Activities

Examples of Allowable activities include but are not limited to:

- Hire and train staff
- Build partnerships
- Environmental review process
- Marketing and outreach
- Intake and referrals – application process
- Bidding and contracting

Lead Inspections/Risk Assessments



2022 Lead NOFO Application Info –Allowable Activities

Examples of Allowable activities include but are not limited to:

- Clearance testing
- Temporary relocation (not more than 10 days)
- Building contractor pool – training, certification, insurances
- Interim controls and abatement activities
- Data sharing, analysis, systems, etc
- Evaluation of program activities

Monitoring and oversight of contractors and/or sub-recipients



2022 Lead NOFO Application Info

A few examples of activities not allowed include but are not limited to:

- Purchasing property
- Purchasing equipment over \$5,000 (exception = XRFs)
- Chelation or medial treatment
- Complete or gut rehab
- Demolition

Work on publicly assisted/owned properties



2022 OLHCHH Grant Funding Assists in....

Support Local Programs

- Provide funding to start state and local programs to identify and address LBP, health and safety hazards in the home

Further Goals

- Further Affordable housing goals by improving existing local housing stock
- Assist in development & enforcement of policies

Demonstrate

- Through research and pilot programs, demonstrate that providing safe and healthy environments is feasible, affordable, and beneficial

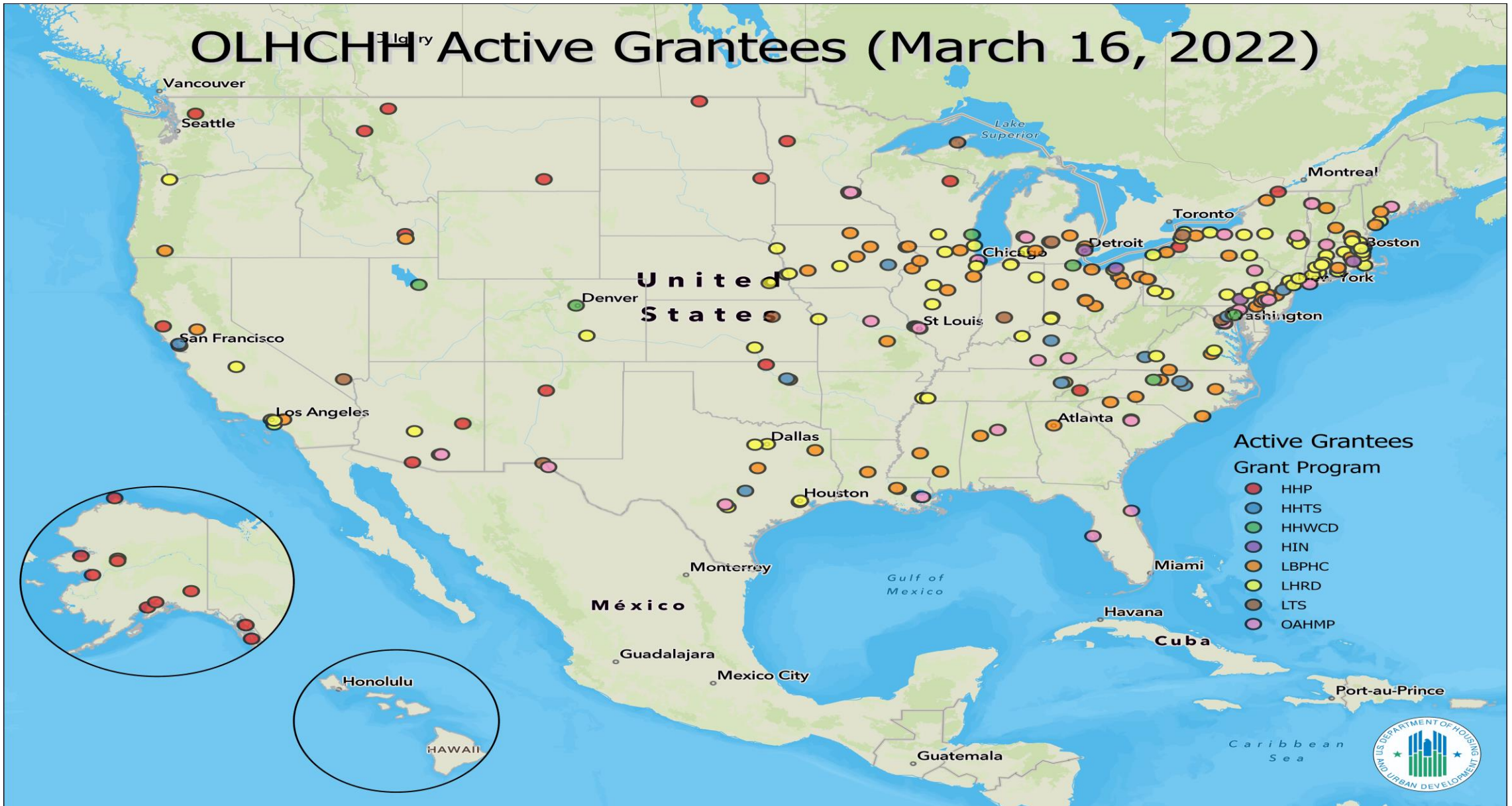
Promote

- Public-private partnerships to align common outcomes
- Combine programs to meet goals and have better use of funding

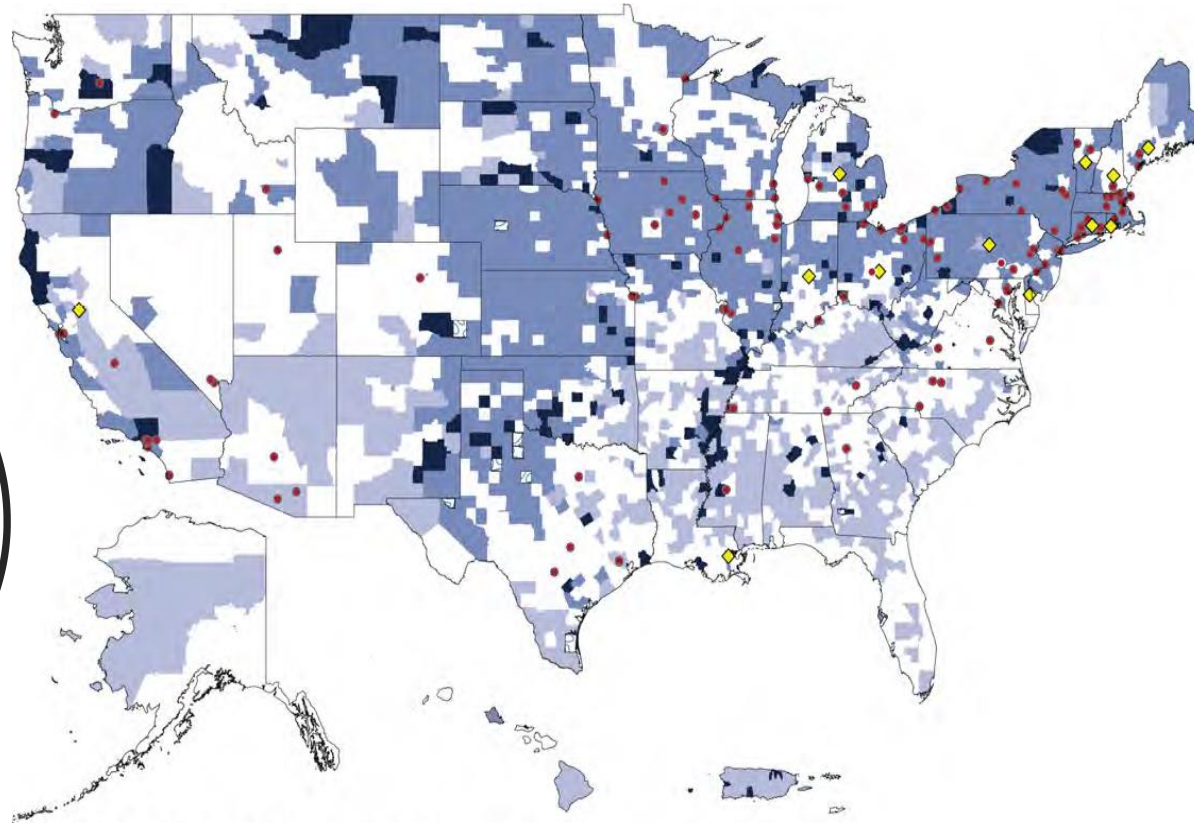
Create

- Create public and private-market demand to integrate health outcomes into housing and infrastructure projects and planning
- Trained workforce


OLHCHH Active Grantees (March 16, 2022)



Where We
Need to Be



County higher than the estimated average national percentage

Grantees		Data unavailable/not reliable
Both old houses and poverty	34 (18%)	
Old houses only	109 (59%)	
Poverty only	13 (7%)	
Neither old houses nor poverty	30 (16%)	

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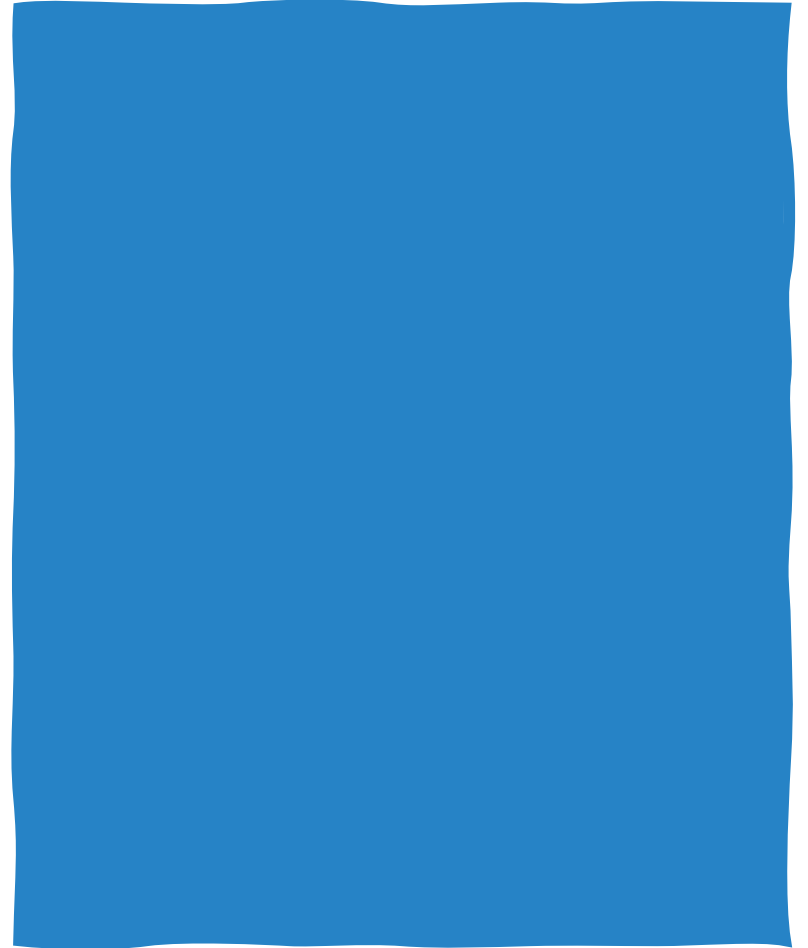
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Upcoming Engagement and Training Opportunities



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Next National EJ Community Engagement call:

- August 16, 2022, at 2 p.m. Eastern
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Non-Profits leading Brownfields Webinar:

- June 22, 2022 1-2:30pm ET/10-11:30am PT
https://usepa.zoomgov.com/webinar/register/WN_kMTLX9GtSgiKMpFEksYbPQ
- July 20, 2022 1-2:30pm ET/10-11:30am PT
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